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MEETING IN THE MIDDLE: CIVIL DISCOURSE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



Monday, June 13, 2016, 7:00PM
Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Avenue, Room 120 Columbus, Ohio 43201

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In contemporary American politics, it seems that name calling, personal attacks, and party polarization has led to a nearly unprecedented level of incivility in both state and federal government. With the approach of the 2016 presidential election, we can expect a barrage of political advertisements on social media, the internet and television, most of which will be negative. As political opinion grows ever more polarized and extreme rhetoric becomes commonplace, this event attempts to identify effective avenues in which all political parties, regardless of ideology, can build compromise, work together, and listen to each other's ideas.

Former State Rep. Ted Celeste will moderate a panel to investigate the state of civil discourse in Ohio and U.S. politics. Framing the discussion on the upcoming presidential election and drawing on the expertise and experience of elected officials and political experts, this event will examine the role of civil discourse in our everyday politics, while discussing the role of social media, the 24/7 news cycle, and the impact of incivility on voter turnout and civic participation.

Panelists include:

- State Representative Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus)
- State Representative Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard)
- William "Chip" Eveland, Professor of Communication, The Ohio State University
- Jeff Brown, Compassionate Communication Center of Ohio/The Center for Nonviolent Communication

About Ted Celeste

Former State Rep. Ted Celeste is director of state programs and leads Next Generation, a project of the National Institute on Civil Discourse. His goal is to inspire and support state legislators who want to promote greater understanding and better decision-making. As part of a bipartisan team, Celeste has facilitated trainings for the Council of State Governments Midwest Regional Conference and the Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Washington legislatures. He has also presented at the CSG Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development program in Madison, the national CSG annual meeting in Kansas City, and National Conference of State Legislature's annual legislative summit in Seattle.



Ted Celeste
Director of State
Programs
National Institute on Civil
Discourse

Celeste served in the Ohio Legislature from 2007 to 2012. Known for working effectively “across the aisle” whether he was in the majority or the minority, he has lived his belief in respectful dialogue. One of the only candidates for state office who insisted on running a positive campaign, Celeste won each of his three races with a comfortable majority in a swing district. He was recognized for his emphasis on civil dialogue with the John Glenn College of Public Affairs’ Outstanding Public Service Award in 2011. Celeste lives in Columbus, Ohio, is married and has two daughters and three grandchildren.

This event is co-sponsored by the Ohio Peace Collaborative and the National Institute on Civil Discourse as part of the Ohio Peace Festival. See a full listing of events at www.OhioPeace.com.

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